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Spring forward

Daylight-saving time will be effective at 2 a.m. Sunday. Clocks will be set forward one hour. Employees on a shift when DST goes into effect will be credited with the actual number of hours they worked. The hour lost due to the change will be charged to annual leave or leave without pay as applicable. When one hour of leave is charged due to the change to DST, the exact hour of absence, 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., should be shown on the time and attendance report.

Questions should be referred to your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

Commander's Call

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings will hold his first Commander's Call, April 22-27. This is a mandatory call for all civilian and military employees. The session times and bus schedule will appear in the April 9 Rev-Up.

Dining Out postponed

The Robins Enlisted Dining Out, previously scheduled for April 10, has been postponed due to conflicting events. Once determined, the new date will be announced to the base enlisted populace through the Rev-Up and first sergeants.

Commander changes announced

Two groups at Robins will have leadership changes in the coming months.

Col. James J. Jones, commander of the 116th Operations Group, is being reassigned as commander of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.

Col. (select) Kimberly J. Corcoran, currently commander of the 3rd Mission Support Group, Elemendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, will take the helm of the 116th OG.

Col. David A. Cotton, 5th Combat Communications Group commander, is being reassigned as director of Communications and Information, Headquarters, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Col. (select) John W. Lent, currently chief of Plans, Concepts and Operations Division, NATO/Air Force North, Brunsum, the Netherlands, will take over as 5th CCG commander.

— From staff reports

Collings – it's about people, period

Center Commander Brig Gen Mike Collings took time this week to talk to the Rev-Up about his observations, plans and ideas concerning the Center.

What do you see as your biggest challenge and how do you plan to address it?

The single biggest thing you have to worry about as a commander, as a supervisor, is people.

Period. That has always been my biggest challenge and will continue to be my biggest challenge here. I think a commander's ability to know and understand the work force is key to his or her success as a leader of the organization.

Once a week I want to go around somewhere and work. And what I mean by work, is I'm just going to show up. I'll have a pair of BDUs or a flight

suit on. If it's a white collar job, then I'll show up in my blues. I may show up at the C-5 depot maintenance line, drive my car up, walk in, meet the shop chief, and say, "Hi WG Smith, I'm General Collings, and I'm your worker for the next three hours, so let's go." I'll pound rivets, I'll go to the F-15 PDM line, and we'll remove stab actuators. I'll go over to the Military personnel flight and

process IDs. I'm not going to be drilling on people in the dentist's chair or slicing on people in surgery, but you get my drift. I have found that as a past commander that that works very effectively – being a squadron commander twice, group commander twice and wing commander twice – that people will talk to me. Not initially, but after working with them for an hour or so, they'll

tell me what their concerns are, and it's unfiltered. It's not vetted through the corporate process, so I get – no kidding – the word.

Air logistics centers aren't typical military installations, particularly from the mix of missions and categories of people working here. AFMC

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Getting the job done



Above, flight control mechanics Mr. Willie Felder, left, and Mr. Greg Dean work on C-5 flaps. They are a part of a team that ensures the aircraft are ready for the war fighter, especially during a surge. Below, a C-5 sits on the flight line.

Supporting the surge

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Robins' Strategic Airlift Directorate is now supporting a massive, joint service, multi-national operation to deploy and redeploy nearly a quarter-million U.S. troops and more than 1 million tons of equipment.

The operation has been heralded as the largest equipment and troop movement since World War II.

The request for the surge of strategic airlift including people and parts is expected to be completed later this month.

Mr. Al Fatkin, deputy director of Strategic Airlift and the C-5 System Program Office here, said their efforts



at making sure the C-5 aircraft are ready for duty are going well.

Proactive from the start, the directorate took a number of actions to help support the surge including a plan for the organization of a Strategic

Airlift Control Center.

The SACC was to serve as the nerve center of this surge operation providing a parts action team, to quickly react to Air Mobility Command needs 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

What to know

The surge is expected to continue through April. The 90-day surge's end result will be 225,000 Air Force troops moved. This number is slightly lower than the previously estimated 250,000.

Mr. Fatkin said, after further contact with AMC, it was decided that rather than standing up the 24-hour-a-day operation, they would instead provide the more needed

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Base chaplains explain one of the oldest Christian holidays

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For some, Easter is about candy-bearing bunnies and egg hunts. But for others, it's about celebrating the life of Jesus Christ.

Easter, observed on April 11 this year, was first celebrated by Jesus' disciples after his

death and resurrection - and many Christian faiths continue its religious traditions today.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel H. Nigolian, wing chaplain for the Base Chapel at Robins, said the April holiday is one of the oldest and most important Christian festivals in history.

"The early church decided they'd celebrate Easter on

Sunday - the first day of the week," he said. "They wanted to give the message that now that Jesus had come and the resurrection had happened, a new thing was going on in humankind. In fact, the early church said every Sunday was a little Easter."

Easter Sunday, however, is only one day in the Christian



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

holiday celebration - with days like Palm Sunday and Good Friday having significant meaning as well.

"Good Friday is a very dif-

ferent day in the Christian calendar," the chaplain said.

"Every other day we celebrate,

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has a strong vision for changing that paradigm. Can you explain the changes that are taking place at Robins (AFMC), and how they will impact the work force and the Center’s customers?

Let’s dispel one myth right away, and that is – “We’re different.”

We’re not different. We are an Air Force Base in the United States Air Force.

Do we do things differently than an Air Combat Command fighter wing base? Absolutely.

Do we do things different than an Air Education Training Command pilot training base? Absolutely.

But are we so unique to the United States Air Force that we are an enigma? No.

Everybody thinks we are, and the war fighter – and I hate using the word “war fighter” because people here at Robins and the ALC are just as much war fighters as the trigger puller that flies an F-15 from Langley, because they can’t do the mission without what our great people do here – So I’ll use the term customer war fighter.

They look at us and think, “they are, they are different. We don’t understand how they’re aligned; we don’t understand their organizational construct. We don’t understand how we can relate to them from a communications standpoint, how we interface with them, etc.”

So, the direction we’re going in this command is to look more like our operational wings in our operational commands.

And that’s not to take away from the great things that we have done as an air logistics center, that’s not it at all.

It’s to clean up the lines of communication and clean up the chain of command so we can relate, and more importantly – they can relate with the activities that are going on here in the air logistics center. That’s very important.

What are the most important things the Center can focus on to remain the Center of choice?

Foremost – we need to



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, discusses his vision for Robins during an interview March 26.

think that every dollar we spend is like spending our own. And you may say that’s a pretty flippant comment, but it’s true.

We need to be great stewards of taxpayers’ dollars. We need to, no kidding, think “am I doing the right thing here? Am I spending this the most effective way I can to get the biggest bang for my buck? And if I’m not, I need to change whatever process there is.”

Lean is a great backbone, and I call it a backbone almost like an architect for which we have our local area and wide area networks. Lean is the integrator of effectiveness and efficiency across the Center. All other little initiatives need to plug in to be able to talk on that backbone. Lean isn’t the be all to end all, but we’re going to embrace it as our backbone.

We can do other things throughout the organization to enhance our effectiveness and efficiencies, but our motivation ought to be to be great stewards of taxpayers’ dollars, because that’s really what we get paid to do.

As a center of excellence for strategic airlift, Robins is playing a vital role in helping Air Mobility Command accomplish the largest troop rotation in our nation’s history. That is just one example of how this Center directly

supports the war fighter. What can the Center do to make that support more effective?

Well from the strategic perspective of being able to meet the mobility requirements for the largest troop rotation in history is huge.

One thing we have been chartered to do as program directors for the C-5 and the C-130 is manage the whole weapon system from a parts perspective.

To be able to get the right part at the right time at the right place so the war fighter can fix those aircraft in the field is as much a part of our responsibility as the programmed depot maintenance.

Often people who look at the ALC don’t see what we call the purchasing and supply chain management side of that weapon system sustainment as being one of our core competencies or core capabilities.

It is very much so; even more so than the PDM on a day-to-day basis. So, our ability to get those parts out there is huge. How do we do that?

We do that by effectively being able to plan for what we call demand planning, looking for the requirements for that part, each individual part, and how many we’re going to need to acquire through contracting arrangements.

Key to that are partnership arrangements with the original equipment manufacturer and other contractors so we can build long-term relationships so they can ... posture their companies to be able to provide those parts.

Robins signed several partnerships with industry in the last few years, among them, the agreement with Boeing for logistics support on the C-17 - seen by many as the logical follow on depot maintenance program to replace the C-141 line. Under your leadership, will Robins continue to engage in partnerships, and how do you view their employment here?

What’s important to understand is that in the past when we had new platforms come down like the C-17, and now the FA-22, and even in the late ‘70s when the F-15 came down as a new weapons system, we, as an Air Force, grappled with where we’re going to put those weapon systems.

In other words, all the depots were in competition with one another.

We need to focus our capabilities at our depots based on the capabilities of our Air Force, and align them not to be platform-centric. With the initiatives that (Lt. Gen. Don) Wetekam, (former Center

commander) took by creating a strategic mobility wing - and then as we transform even further in the next few months here – we’ll consolidate even more mobility into that one particular wing, so that Warner Robins Air Logistics Center is the recognized expert Center of excellence for mobility in the United States Air Force.

It’s not like the C-17 is replacing the C-141. The C-17, as a mobility platform, should come to the center of excellence that has the expertise, the engineering, the workers, all of the program management experts, etc. to manage those types of platforms at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

Now, Partnering arrangements, you bet. General Wetekam worked very hard to get the initial partnering relationship with Boeing so that the C-17 workload would come to Warner Robins.

And in fact, we have somewhere around 68,000 core hours currently being done here. In that partnering relationship there are plans to increase the core workload here up to 300,000 hours by fiscal year ‘07.

Which means the partnering relationship is planned, and we’ll do everything ... I’ll do everything within my power to ensure we work those relationships out with Boeing and show that Robins is the right

place to do that workload.

Is there anything you’d like to add?

I want to say something about what people are hearing about the reorganizations. Change is really unsettling to a lot of people. Change management is a huge issue that I am working on. I just want to try to calm the concerns (of the people at Robins). They’ve got to trust me.

They have to have confidence in my ability to lead this Center, and to know that their interest is my first and foremost (concern) – period. I’m not going to do anything that is going to detrimentally affect their ability to come to work and have a job.

And the things that we are doing are not only going to secure our ability to meet the Air Force’s needs today, but into the future.

The organizational changes we’re going to do will better posture this Center to plug into the capability requirements that our Air Force is going to lay onto us in the future. They just need to trust that senior leadership knows what they’re doing. Hopefully they do trust us.

And if they don’t trust us, they can pick up the phone and call me or e-mail me or talk to me when I’m out there pounding rivets.

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5th MOB Airmen attribute award to a group effort

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Three Airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group were recently recognized for high achievement, but they say their awards weren't theirs alone.

Maj. Scott Moser, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron commander, earned the Air Combat Communications Information Field Grade Officer of the Year award.

Master Sgt. Jack Ladley, 54th Combat Communication Squadron's first sergeant, earned the 2003 9th Air Force Direct Reporting Unit First Sergeant of the Year award.

Tech. Sgt. Robyn Owens, noncommissioned officer in charge for the 54th Combat Communications Support Squadron, earned the 2003 9th Air Force Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award.

The major, who will be presented his award at Langley Air Force Base, Va., June 10, in recognition of his contributions to Operation Iraqi Freedom and other war on terrorism campaigns, said his recent accomplishment is shared by his unit.

"It's an honor for my squadron and group," he said. "I attribute my accomplishment to the 128 people I work with on a daily basis. I was named for the award, but it was earned by everyone."

Sergeant Ladley and Sergeant Owens, who were presented their awards March 23 at Shaw Air Force Base,

S.C., both said receiving their awards was a humbling experience.

"It makes you stop and take stock of what you've accomplished over the year - and you suddenly realize that while you put a lot of effort into it, you suddenly realize that there were a lot of other people putting the same effort into it too," Sergeant Ladley said. "It shouldn't be an individual award because it takes everyone's efforts to keep an organization going."

Sergeant Owens, who also credited her family with the success, agreed.

"The 5th MOB is a tight-knit unit, especially the 54th Combat Communication Squadron," she said. "Last year, we deployed (as a team) in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. You can't win this type of award without your leaders and subordinates."



Maj. Scott Moser



Master Sgt. Jack Ladley



Tech. Sgt. Robyn Owens

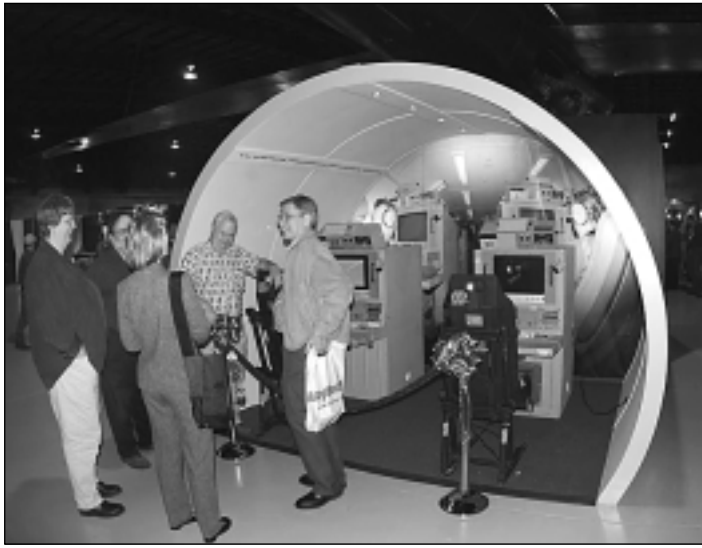
Commander gets star



Courtesy photo

Brig. Gen. Tom Lynn, 116th Air Control Wing commander, gets his star pinned on by his wife Joy, left, and his mother Betty, while his son Bill and Maj. Gen. David Poythress, adjutant general of Georgia, look on March 12 in the Joint STARS multi-purpose hangar.

New JSTARS exhibit opens



U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Tim Beckham

People admire a new Joint STARS exhibit after the ribbon cutting ceremony March 23 in the Century of Flight hangar at the Museum of Aviation.

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Shhhhhh, new Wynn Dining Facility opens Monday

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The grand opening of the new \$4.8 million Wynn Dining Facility will be April 12, but the unmistakable aroma of food will start filling the air in and around the dorm complex Monday.

Officials plan to close the present dining hall after midnight Sunday and unofficially open the new and improved facility Monday so that workers and customers will have an opportunity to get accustomed to the facility’s flow.

A ribbon-cutting will mark the grand opening at 9 a.m. April 12. The contractor will join officials from Headquarters Air Force, Air Force Materiel Command, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the 78th Air Base Wing in the ceremony.

The 78th Services Division’s food service organization will host a vendor tasting show in conjunction with the grand opening. The public is invited to drop by and sample food.

The new facility replaces a nearly 40-year-old building that bears the same name and is a light, airy showpiece facility. It won an Air Force design achievement award and was chosen by Air Force Materiel Command as an “architecturally significant” project.

Architect Mr. Shrad Amirt, project manager from the 78th Civil Engineer Group, said the dining facility offers what he termed “three dining experiences,” eating areas that vary in design, size and layout.

One has a big screen TV and is smaller than the other two. All three will have plenty of light, Mr. Amirt said, thanks to a skylight



Courtesy photo

The new \$4.8 million facility unofficially opens Monday with the official grand opening set for April 12.

in the building. Together, the three will seat more than 240, but there will be room for about 48 in an outdoor seating area.

Mr. Amirt said the new facility is a team effort, with construction and design headed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Its dining area, offering three distinctly different dining facilities; skylights and other elements were his vision; the kitchen and service layout were a Services Division concept.

Built with energy efficient glass, carpet tile instead of carpet and anti-bacterial flooring in the kitchen, it’s classified as a so-called “green” building.

It takes advantage of natural sources of lighting and makes liberal use of day instead of artificial light.

The facility is named for the late Master Sgt. William Walter Wynn Jr., who survived the Bataan death march and spent six years in a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

Sergeant Wynn also worked in personnel at Robins from 1947 to 1953. His widow, Ms. B.J. Wynn, is expected to participate in the ribbon-cutting.

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expedited weekend support requested.

“We did give them a 24 hour-a-day point of contact, but it really hasn’t been used as much as we would have thought,” he said.

The deputy director said as far as surging, the directorate was in this mode even before the request came from AMC and is continuing to do so while making sure no other opportunities are missed.

“When you start a surge there are two choices,” he said. “One of those is you can stop all non-essential maintenance to meet the request as we did during Desert Storm. When you make that choice, what happens after you finish the surge is you end up with a lot of extra maintenance you have to do to catch up.”

The second approach, and the one chosen, is to maintain its regular workload, while maximizing aircraft availability so there is no backlog at the end.

“We’ve tried to maintain program depot maintenance inputs and regular maintenance schedules in the field and still maximize aircraft availability by improved parts support and focus on priority airplanes,” he said.

The proof this equation works is in the pudding, and Mr. Fatkin said five aircraft placed in short-term status earlier this year being returned to their home sta-

“We are really focusing on trying to improve the supply chain. We are trying to manage the aircraft tail number by tail number, and the work force keeps plugging away.”



Mr. Al Fatkin
Director of Strategic Airlift and the C-5 System Program Office

tions shows that.

More evidence is in the favorable remarks from end users such as Travis Air Force Base, Calif., which recently reported no mission incapable supply rates on any of their aircraft for a 24-hour period.

Words like those are encouraging, and Mr. Fatkin said it’s the work force that makes them possible.

“We are really focusing on trying to improve the supply chain,” he said. “We are trying to manage the aircraft tail number by tail number, and the work force keeps plugging away.”

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The Seder – a traditional meal that commemorates the Jews’ delivery from slavery in Egypt - will be from 6 to 9 tonight and the workshop, Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Both events will be at the chapel. Pre-registration was

Rock of Israel Ministries is a community of both Jews and gentiles who worship Jesus together. Rabbi Frankel and his wife, Cathy, are both full-time members of the ministry staff.

Roasted shank bone,
reminder of the sacrificial
lamb whose blood was placed
over the doorways in Egypt
as a sign the people were

raisins and wine or apple butter, representing the mortar the Israelites used to make bricks while slaves in Egypt. **Karpas**, green herbs remembering that the forefathers were tillers of the soil; parsley is dipped into salt water, a reminder of the

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel Nigolan, Robins' installation chaplain, said each element in the Seder meal holds symbolism for both Jews and Christians, and its re-enactment helps point out "our kinship to the Jewish faith and our Jewish brethren."

The Houston Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for Robins clinics, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If interested, call Ms. Mary Jennings at 923-6332, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to set up an appointment for an orientation.

In addition, the group held a poetry contest, accepting safety-related poetry submissions.

Among other Family Support Center-sponsored workshops regularly offered are Money and Credit Management, Starting a Small Business, Return and Reunion, Money Matters for Deployed Spouses and more. More information is available on at www.robins.af.mil/fsc/.

“Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, marking the Sunday before Easter when Christ arrived in Jerusalem and was hailed as king,” Father (Lt. Col.) Thomas J. Fey, Catholic chaplain for the Base Chapel, said. “Catholics celebrate with a distribution of palm branches at Mass. This begins the Easter celebration for

April 9 – Liturgy of Good Friday – 7 p.m.
April 10 – Holy Saturday, Vigil of Easter Mass – 9 p.m.
April 11 – Easter Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.

Air Force offers Airmen reduced club rates

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Air Force Services officials are now offering \$4 monthly club memberships to enlisted ranks airman basic through senior airman and their sister service counterparts.

The new Air Force-wide program, which began Thursday, provides a positive introduction to Services and Air Force clubs, encourages club membership, helps increase retention and makes club membership an affordable option for the lower ranking enlisted members, according to Col. Joseph Rarer, Air Force Materiel Command Chief of Services.

All Airmen E-1 through E-4, assigned to an installation are eligible to take advantage of the

reduced dues rate.

“For about the cost of a fast food combo meal or less, Airmen can now enjoy the benefits of club membership which include lunch and dinner discounts, special members’ only functions, discounts on club catered functions, holiday buffets and special entertainment,” he said.

The reduced dues will apply until Airmen reach the rank of staff sergeant, at which time their dues will change to the standard amount of the club to which they belong.

Army, Navy and Marine units attached to Air Force installations receive the same reduced dues as Airmen.

Current members within the ranks of airman basic to senior air-

man had their dues automatically adjusted Thursday to reflect the new discounted dues, Colonel Rarer said.

Airmen at Air Force Materiel Command bases have an additional incentive to take advantage of the new dues structure by becoming Members First Plus members when they join the club, he said.

Members receive a 10 percent discount on goods and services in most Services facilities, including bowling centers, golf courses, auto hobby, skills development and outdoor recreation.

To receive a discount, Members First Plus members show their Services’ club card when making purchases.

The colonel said members don’t

have to charge their purchase to receive the discount; however, they must identify themselves as a club member or Members First Plus member by showing their card.

“You can start saving on your Services’ purchases today while enjoying the benefits of club membership,” he said. “Pick up an application at a Services’ facility, fill it out and return it to your club. You can join the other members by saving more each month than your dues cost.”

For more information about Robins’ Enlisted Club or to become a member, call 926-4515 or stop by Building 956 to fill out an application.

– *From staff reports*

- Club benefits
- free brunch for primary members the first and third Sunday of each month
 - live entertainment and DJs
 - birthday coupon for primary member
 - reciprocal membership privileges worldwide
 - bingo program
 - monthly WWF pay-per-view fights
 - free lunch drawings
 - social hour with complimentary snacks five-nights-a-week
 - family night buffet and TechWorld games on Mondays
 - Taco Tuesdays with free tacos and TechWorld games
 - catering services
 - barbershop services

Small Business Program best in AFMC

The Warner Robins Air Logistic Center Small Business Program was recently named the best in Air Force Materiel Command for fiscal 2003.

Mr. Jim Lovett, Center small business office director, attended an awards banquet at AFMC last week to accept the Unit Small Business Special Achievement Award on behalf of the Center.

“This award recognizes the teamwork of our entire Center,” he said. “I would like to thank the command section for their leadership and support, the yeoman efforts of my staff, and the outstanding support from contracting, maintenance, the product directorates, civil engineering, environmental management, and the acquisition excellence staff in working with us to utilize small businesses whenever possible to support the Center’s mission.”

As an award winner, the Center will represent AFMC at the Secretary of the Air Force level competition. For fiscal 2002, Robins was the recipient of both the AFMC and Secretary of the Air Force Small Business Program Excellence Award.

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The numbers

For fiscal 2003, the Center demonstrated significant improvement in each goal area compared to fiscal 2002.



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Airman with a capital



Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

I am an Airman.

Note that’s with a capital “A.” It’s just one letter at the beginning of the word, but it signifies a great deal. The reason it is capitalized is simple: Airmen in the United States Air Force are the heart and soul of our unique fighting force, and should be identified by a proper noun.

As young children, when we began to read, we learned a capital letter at the front of a word signified something special or important – like our own name, our hometown, and our country. And this was reinforced through our education and professional life.

When we see a capital letter, our minds automatically emphasize that word, and we bestow an increased importance on that person, place or thing. It is time to formally add our profession to that list of important and special nouns.

You may have seen or heard something about my guidance to capitalize the word “Airman.” It is appropriate to do so, in recognition of our rich history, and to emphasize our unparalleled role in the defense of America.

Our Air Force is the finest air and space force in the world because of the generations of professional Airmen that

have devoted their lives to dominating the skies.

Capitalizing the word “Airman” recognizes their historic achievements and signifies our unique contributions to fighting and winning America’s wars. It shows we’ve earned the respect a proper name imparts.

For 38 years of my life, I’ve been proud to wear the uniform of the United States Air Force. And, whether you’ve worn it as long as I have or just recently joined our team, I know we all feel the same sense of pride. Regardless of the uniform we wear, the specialty we hold, the badge over our pocket, and whether we are active duty, guard, reserve, or civilian, first and foremost, we are Airmen.

We are one Air Force and we are Airmen.



Commander’s Action Line

Col. Tom Smoot
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Too hot in Building 140

I’m writing to complain about the unbearable heat in our offices in Building 140. I’m in room 7 and by the time first break is here, we can hardly stay in our offices. It’s causing people to become sick and hinders our work. It’s been like this for months, and I can’t believe that something can’t be done about it. Please check into this for us.

Commander replies: Civil engineers discussed this with your facility manager and he was not aware of an unbearable heat situation in Building 140. CE had also not received any related service calls from you or your facility manager on this. A site visit was conducted by heating and air conditioning personnel, and all systems were found to be working properly. Building 140 is not a facility identified for year-round air conditioning. As such - and as a matter of policy - chilled water providing cooling is shut off during winter months, and heat is shut off during the summer months. Cooling start-up is initiated when the average daily temperature is above 65 degrees for five consecutive days. The only time air condi-

tioning is left running throughout the year is for equipment cooling, or when designed using a variable air volume system. Nonetheless, in light of the recent warm weather, CE has activated cooling in your building. In the future, if you have any facility problems, please contact your facility manager or the CE Customer Service Flight at 926-5657.

Shuttle bus service question

I work in the east wing of Building 300 and had a meeting in Building 645 at 9:30 a.m. When I called transportation to inquire about the shuttle services, I was told that the shuttle comes to Buildings 300 and 301 bus stops at a quarter till and a quarter past every hour. My co-worker and I went out to the south stop of Building 300 at 9:10 a.m. and waited for the bus, but it never came. When I called transportation again at 9:30, the operator called bus number 41 to ask the driver if he drove by the south stop at 9:15. The driver said sometimes people just stand near the bus stop sign but don’t really need the bus service. Excuse me, it was 25 degrees outside and windy. The driver sped by without even looking at us at about 9:20. Since

it was my first time trying to catch the bus and the bus did not have a “base shuttle” sign on, we did not know to wave at him to make him stop. Shouldn’t he stop at the bus stop on the schedule and wait for a couple of minutes anyway?

Commander replies: The goal of vehicle operations is to satisfy our customer’s transportation needs in a timely, cost-effective manner, and we apologize for not meeting your expectations. Each bus operator is instructed to physically stop at each designated stop along the established routes. On the day in question, the bus operator did not see anyone standing at the established stop and proceeded to the next stop without stopping. We have reemphasized to our drivers that even though they do not see any passengers at the designated bus stops, they are still required to stop rather than proceeding along their routes. To ensure customer safety and to stay within established route times, please be reminded that customers are to stand at the designated and authorized stops identified with brown and white bus stop signs. We are prohibited from picking up and dropping off customers at non-designated stops due to safety and traffic concerns.

Remember to slow down

There have been

161

speeding tickets issued year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers’ minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs.

March: **7*** March 2003: **4** Year to date: **20** 2003: **63** Number of days since last DUI: **6**

* one of this year’s DUIs involved a civilian who is not connected to the base

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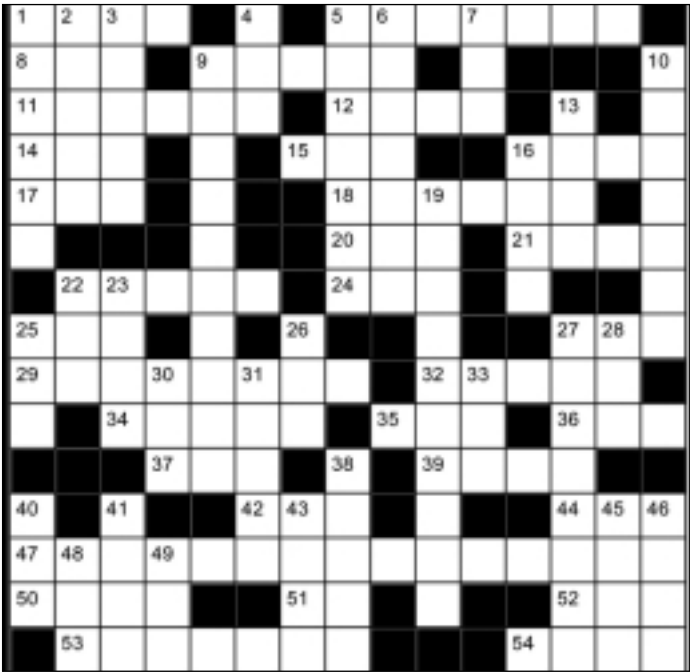
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"We'll be able to recycle leaves, trees and grass clippings to use as mulch around the base's plants and trees," he said. "It's going to save the base a lot of money in those areas."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Hometown USAF (Vol. 6)

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS
- DOWN
1. Train need

5. Washington AFB home to 62nd AW

8. Former California Army fort

9. Oklahoma AFB home to 71st FTW; a/c tail marking of VN

11. Romantic song

12. Adhesive

14. Winter danger

15. Owed

16. Apartment

17. Homer's neighbor on The Simpsons

18. Shah of Persia (1487-1524); Safavid founder

20. Military comm. person in the field (abbrev.)

21. Truck

22. Easter animal?

24. Snakelike fish

25. 007 writer Fleming

27. LPGA Se Ri _____

29. Missouri AFB home to 509th BW; a/c tail marking of WM

32. Drainage pipe

34. Weary

35. Duo

36. Military org. concerned with household goods

37. _____ Khan; hereditary spiritual head of Isma'ili Muslims

39. Story opener

42. Snare

44. Cell acid similar to DNA

47. Ohio AFB home to ASC

50. Mining vein

51. NBC television show

52. Lyrical poem

53. Mississippi AFB home to 403rd WG; a/c tail marking of KT

54. Was aware of
1. Georgia AFB home to 116th ACW; a/c tail marking of GA

2. Scavenger hunt (two words)

3. Rested

4. Angry

5. New Jersey AFB home to 108th ARW; a/c tail marking of NJ

6. Sky-blue color

7. Shade

9. California AFB home to 30th SW; a/c tail markings of HV

10. Florida AFB home to 920th RG; a/c tail marking of FL

13. Woman's magazine

16. Clenched hand

19. England AB home to 423rd ABS

22. Military allowance (abbrev.)

23. Item

25. WWII site for 27 Medal of Honor recipients: _____ Jima

26. Father

27. Colorado AFB home to 302nd AW; a/c tail marking of CR

28. Appendage

30. Actress Carrere of Wayne's World

31. Intended

33. Period of time

38. Whitewater independent counsel

40. Pointed tool

41. Current

43. Fencing sword

45. Stem knob

46. Again

48. South Korea informally

49. Expletive denoting surprise

For puzzle solution, see April 9 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for March 26



LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following person has been approved as a participant in the leave transfer program.
Ms. Deanna Young, WR-ALC/PKP. Point of contact is Ms. Debra Lomax, WR-ALC/PKXA, at 926-5020.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

Planner



FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The Center will offer Sponsorship Training Monday, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Salary negotiation class

A Salary Negotiation class will be conducted Monday, 1 - 3 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

Starting a business

workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a "Starting a Business" workshop Tuesday, 9 a.m. - noon., Building 945, FSC annex.

Deployed spouses money matters

The FSC's Family Readiness Program will offer a class, "Money Matters for Deployed Spouses," Wednesday, 9 - 10 a.m., Building 794, FSC.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop will be April 12-14, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is April 14, 8:30 a.m. - noon., in Building 905, Room 159.

Community tour

The FSC Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligi-

ble family members will be April 14, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meet at the FSC. This tour is designed to help newcomers become familiar with the surrounding communities. The tour includes information on some of Macon's downtown and historic districts, a visit to the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds, a trip through Ft. Valley, and concludes with a visit to the county seat in Perry.

Resume research & writing

A workshop on Resume Research & Writing will be conducted on April 16, 1-3 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information about career concerns or to schedule an appointment, call the Family Support Center at 926-1256.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

The Aero Club open house will be April 17. The new Piper Warrior airplane will be on display. There will also be aviation movies, surplus aviation items and free time on the simulator. Discovery flights for up to three passengers will be available for \$50, and guests can enter a drawing for a discovery flight gift certificate.

Child Development Centers East & West

In recognition of the month of the young child, the Children's Health Fair will be held April 16 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. There will be booths with information on kid-friendly equipment, nutrition, substance abuse, crime prevention, dental care and Tricare.

Civilian Recreation

Putt for the green every Thursday starting April 8 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$2 for one putt or \$3 for two putts. Sink at least a 70-foot putt and receive a \$100 gift certificate. The prize fund will increase \$50 for each week that no putts are sunk. If no one sinks a putt, a consolation prize of five free cart rentals and a free lunch will be awarded. For more information, call 926-4103 or 922-4415.

Enlisted Club

Easter brunch will be April 11 from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost for members and spouses is \$9.95; nonmembers, \$11.95; children 6 - 12 years, \$5.95; and children 5 and younger, free.

Officers' Club

An Easter Sunday brunch will be April 11 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost for members and their spouse is \$13.95; nonmembers, \$14.95; children 5 - 11 years, \$5.95; and children 5 and younger are free.

Skills Development Center

The Skills Development Center will hold monthly classes in acrylic painting Tuesday, April 13, 20 and 27 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; drawing Monday, April 19 and 26 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., cost \$10; watercolor Monday, April 19 and 26 from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$10; cross stitch Tuesday, April 13, 20 and 27 from 1 - 3 p.m., cost \$12.50; scrap booking April 23 from 12:30 - 2 p.m., cost \$12.50; beginning matting and framing April 20 and 22 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; decorative stamping Thursday and April 22 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; oil painting Thursday, April 15, 22 and 29 from 10 a.m - noon, cost \$12.50. Registration and payment is required for all classes. Class space is limited. All classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. For more information, call 926-5282.

Smith Community Center

Let's give the world a hand by joining the community center April 14 to perform yard work for spouses of deployed family members. Families of deployed family members can contact their first sergeant if they would like help. Volunteers are needed for a minimum of two hours to all day. For more information, call 926-2105.

STREAMING VIDEO



ROBINS REPORT

News from around the base - Watson and Cox Channel 15
Friday - 8 p.m. **Sunday** - 1:30 p.m. **Monday** - noon

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service

includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.
Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.
Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary

styles of music and worship.
Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumu'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.
The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Friday
7:30 p.m. - 50 First Dates - Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore
Henry, a veterinarian, falls in love with a girl, Lucy, with short-term memory loss. He has to keep getting her to fall in love with him every time they meet in order for them to have a relationship.
Rated PG-13 (crude sexual humor and drug references) 96 minutes

Saturday
2 p.m. - Welcome to Mooseport - Gene Hackman and Ray Romano
A former U.S. president retires to a small New England town to write his memoirs. But his neighbors plead with him to fill the vacant mayoral seat.
Rated PG-13 (some brief sexual comments and nudity) 115 minutes

7:30 p.m. - Broken Lizard's Club Dread - Jay Chandrasekhar and Kevin Heffernan
At an anything-goes tropical resort for swingers, a non-stop party takes a turn for the weird when a dead bodies start turning up faster than you could drink a rum punch.
Rated R (violence/gore, sexual content, language and drug use) 104 minutes

Tips for spring cleaning

By the Fire Department

Now that spring is here, many of us will gravitate towards a yearly tradition called “spring clean up”. This is the time and opportunity to get rid of all those items that have been lingering around the house and yard for sometime now.

Spring clean up does not mean you tackle the job in one weekend. Take your time and determine what you need and what you can trash. Of course, only you can decide what must stay and what should go. Spring cleanup is very important in maintaining good housekeeping practices.

Here are some helpful hints when doing your spring clean up.

- Remove weeds, dead trees and bushes from around homes, fences and sidewalks.
- Store paints, thinners and other flammable or combustible liquids in original containers and away from any heat, sparks or flame. Contact your local Environmental Office for the proper procedures in discarding unwanted flammable and combustible containers to include herbicides and pesticides.
- Keep the attic free from combustibles.
- Get rid of all newspapers and magazines that are no longer used.
- Remove boxes, old furniture and appliances left in the yard or inside the garage.
- Recycle cardboard boxes, plastics and glass items and make arrangements to have those discarded items picked up and removed from the premises.
- Donate serviceable items to charity or, better yet, have a garage sale. It does not take long for these items to accumulate around the home and around business facilities.
- Check porch, garage, and backyard lights to ensure that they are in working order.
- Make sure electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning systems are in good working order.
- Maintain custodial supply storage areas, work areas, garages and homes in an orderly and fire safe condition.
- Remember to prevent fires before they start.

Good housekeeping and cleanliness are essential factors in preventing work place and home fires.

For more information, contact the Base Fire Prevention Section at 926-2145.

Music to their ears



Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Robins Elementary School perform a variety of musical selections during a recorder concert at the school Monday.

U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp



Loren Evitts, 1, claps to the music while listening to her older sister, fourth-grader Katie Evitts, play in the concert.



Sixth-grader Sam Rottman plays a selection on his recorder.

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Airmen provide exercise tips to prevent pain

By Airman 1st Class Katie Thomas
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan – Military hospitals have seen more injuries than usual since the Air Force adopted the new physical fitness test.

The majority of these injuries could have been prevented with common sense and “listening to your body,” said Maj. Chu Soh of the 374th Medical Operations Squadron’s physical therapy flight here.

The most common injuries seen at the physical therapy flight are a result of overtraining. People who overtrain often ignore recurring or continual pain, Major Soh said.

“Normal aches and pains come with regular exercise, but when the pain stays for an hour or longer after you stop (exercising) it could mean injury,” he said.

The major suggests a number of good practices and techniques people should follow when they workout.

“People shouldn’t do the same exercises all the time,” he said. “They should crosstrain so they alternate the muscle groups they work on.”

Major Soh suggests people participate in a variety of physical training, including running, swimming, walking, biking, strength training and other sports.

“You need to gain whole-body strength and maintain a balanced workout schedule,” he said.

Individuals should also perform all exercises properly, including stretches, to attain the maximum benefit, he said.

“You need to warm up the muscles before

you start exercising hard to get the maximum heart rate,” said Staff Sgt. Daniel Davis of the 374th MDOS physical therapy flight. “You should work all the major muscle groups.”

Sergeant Davis also said people should change up the surfaces they run on to minimize the possibility of shin splints.

“When you run, you are pounding the ground with four to five times your weight,” he said. “It is good to change up the direction and surface type you run on to lessen the risk of injury.”

The best surface to run on is a rubberized track; however, people on a track should change running directions to ensure they do not wear down one side of the body, Sergeant Davis said.

“The worst surface to run on is concrete, and asphalt is also tough on the body,” he said.

“They should also wear the correct kind of running shoes and keep their spine in a neutral position while running to prevent shin splints,” Major Soh said.

Cool down is also an important element of exercising, he said.

“You should allow the body to step down gradually from your maximum heart rate to avoid muscle cramping,” he said.

People should push themselves during exercise, the major said.

“Your body needs a certain amount of stress put on it to grow stronger,” he said. “Don’t be afraid to push yourself, but also take time to recuperate after exercising.”

The Robins Fitness Center Staff can help Airmen reach their fitness goals and maintain healthy habits. For more information, call the center at 926-2128.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Celebrate National No Housework Day Wednesday. Call your friends, get rid of the mop and dust cloth and bowl until 5 p.m. for \$1 per game.

A youth bowlers barbecue is scheduled for April 16 from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Help the Robins Youth bowlers raise money for the entry fee for the state tournament.

Civilian

Recreation

The 14th annual DoD Team Bass tournament will be held at Sunset Marina, Dale Hollow Lake, Byrdstown, Tenn., April 18 - 23. For more information, call Ms. Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

Fitness Center

An Easter egg hunt 5K run will be held April 9 at 11 a.m. in front of the Health and Wellness Center.

Golf Course

During April, golfers will save money when they pay their annual green fees in advance. Yearly rates are as follows: E1-E4, \$396; E5 - O3, \$576; O4 - up and DoD civilians, \$660.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Mr. Peter Nicholas, senior applications engineer with Data Device Corporation, lets Mr. Dave Miller, right, try out a flight simulator at the Electronic Warfare symposium sponsored by the Center Combat Electronic Systems Directorate and the Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows. The symposium, held March 21-25 at the Museum of Aviation, featured government and industry technology exhibits, technical sessions and EW short courses.

AAFES receives national retail award

NEW YORK – At the National Retail Federation Annual Convention, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service was awarded the 2004 American Spirit Award.

Past recipients of the award, which is designed to recognize exceptional achievement and is presented only when circum-

stances dictate, include former Presidents Jimmy Carter and George Herbert Walker Bush and Senator Bob Dole.

The Dallas-based AAFES was selected for the honor because of its support of U.S. Service men and women fighting abroad against terrorism.

Today, AAFES has nine

stores in Kuwait and 30 in Iraq, with about 450 associates deployed at any given time. In addition, AAFES supports 88 unit run Imprest Funds that serve forward operating bases where it is too remote or dangerous to set up a store.

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